

Mendon Cultural Council

Minutes March 28, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The regular meeting of the Mendon Cultural Council was called to order at 7:15 PM at the Mendon Senior Center.

B. Members present: Cynthia Donatelli-Co-Chair; Joyce Firth-Co-Chair; Monika Schmid; Kathleen Murphy, Secretary; Debbie Perro, Publicity

II. MINUTES ACCEPTED

A. Minutes of the February meeting were accepted as written.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Treasurer, Marty Fletcher, was absent, however, she supplied the Council with a current Town Ledger Report which indicated that 2 reimbursements had been processed since the last meeting.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Updates were given and ideas were discussed as to the Council's participation in the Mendon 350th Anniversary celebration in 2017 with a choral event.

1. The date and venue has been secured at The Valley Church in Uxbridge on March 24/25, 2017.

2. The accompanist, Wayne Ward of Hopedale, has also been secured

3. Co-Chairs are looking into ways to finance the event.

4. Kathleen Murphy will add a link from our Town site (and possibly the 350th site) where information on the position of choral director can be viewed, and where resumes may be accepted.

B. Several Members are having difficulty logging on to the new town email system. They will contact the service provider for assistance and be on the system as soon as possible.

C. Urgent call for new members. Cynthia Donatelli and Monika Schmidt will have served out their 2 consecutive terms on the Council at the end of June 2016, and will be required to leave the Council. With the loss of one member already this year, the Council will be at the minimum State requirement of 5 members as of July 1, 2016.

1.Many strategies were discussed as to recruiting new members: Banner on Town and CC site, contacting past members for reassignment, contacting State Reps for space on their Face Book page, notices on our Face Book page, articles in the newspaper, and strong word-of-mouth networking.

D. Several articles announcing our local grant recipients have been published. Debbie Perro will work on getting the Milford Daily News article in as soon as possible.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. It was noted that there was outdated contact information on our State and Town site. Kathleen Murphy will address those issues to correct them.

B. A nomination form for the Priscilla B. Mason award was discussed. It was decided that the letter arrived too late for the Council to nominate anyone this year, however, it will go on the Council agenda for next February when there is ample time to review possible nominees.

C. In order to remain in compliance with State recommendations, the Council designed and conducted a survey at the Special Town Meeting on March 21, 2016. The results were shared with the Council.

1. It was decided that, in order to obtain a truer picture of the local needs, the Council would continue the survey at the next Town Meeting scheduled in May.

2. And, that surveys should be left available for residents to complete at the Town Hall and Rec. Department.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

A. The next meeting for the Council will be Monday, March 25, 2016 at the Senior Center.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Firth, Co-Chair/Kathleen Murphy, Secretary